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**BLACKLEY**  
**Co-operative Society**  
LIMITED.

ENROLLED ACCORDING TO LAW.

REGISTERED NO. 72.

*The Objects of the Society are the Social, Domestic, and Intellectual  
Improvement of its Members.*



**The 148th**  
**REPORT & BALANCE SHEET,**  
FOR THE  
Quarter ending June 28th, 1898.

# BLACKLEY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY'S

## Quarterly Record and Balance Sheet

FOR

Quarter ending June 29th, 1898.

### QUARTERLY MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the society was held on Wednesday evening, April 29th, in St. Peter's School, Barnes Green, before a large number of the members. The duties of chairman were undertaken by the president (Mr. Alfred Taylor), who presented the balance sheet to the meeting. The accounts showed that £41,352. 3s. 6½d. represented the capital account, and the nominal value of the land, buildings, and fixtures account was £27,432. 18s. The accounts were passed. The election of officers was next proceeded with, and the retiring officers were re-elected, viz., Messrs. James and Collins (the two committee-men), to serve on the committee for twelve months.

THE CHAIRMAN said the next item on the agenda was the donation to the late Mr. T. Covell's widow. He had never known a more genial man than Mr. Covell, and there was no one in the society who could speak a wrong word against him. He had been very suddenly taken away, leaving a wife and three children totally unprovided for. He hoped the meeting would give the committee power to help his widow in some way. The concert that had been arranged by the shopmen on her behalf had been a success, but he did not think that they ought to stop at that.

It was agreed that the committee be empowered to allow the widow £20.

THE CHAIRMAN said the committee had received several complaints in connection with the reading-room at Blackley. He wished the meeting to give the committee power to close the room at the earliest possible date. It was said that the reading-room was attended by an average of 22 persons, and that those 22 persons cost the society over £60 per year.

It was agreed that the reading-room be closed at as early a date as the committee could make it convenient.

It was proposed that the society be enlarged in the neighbourhood of Harpurhey.

THE CHAIRMAN remarked that on several occasions he had gone into the shops at Barnes Green early in the morning, and he always found them packed with customers, and those who came from Harpurhey could not always wait for a length of time. It was time, he thought, that the committee had power given to them to extend their business further in Harpurhey, and he suggested that they should open a few branches in that neighbourhood. He asked the meeting to give the committee power to build, if they should think proper to do so, a few shops in the neighbourhood of Harpurhey.

It was also proposed and seconded that telephones be placed in all the branches for communication with the Central Stores.

THE CHAIRMAN remarked that this could be done at a cost of £150, and the convenience would be of great value to them.—Carried.

The meeting agreed to a dividend of 2s. 6d. in the £ for the last quarter, and the proceedings then came to a close.

### "THE WORD THAT NE'ER WAS SPOKEN."

THE friendly cheery word that ne'er was spoken,  
A word to fall like welcome drop of rain—  
To glad the wearied heart that was nigh broken,  
And make parched hope revive and bloom again.

A simple word, yet with a music sweet,  
Thrilling the soul's divinest deepest chord;  
A word to make heaven flower beneath our feet,  
For there lies heaven in a simple word.

How often I have passed him at his door,  
And marked his mien, his manner, and his talk:  
Now I shall see his careworn face no more,  
Nor once again behold him in his walk.

A labouring man—toiling from day to day  
To earn for wife and children daily bread—  
An honest working man; and such as they  
Add more to states than prince or crowned head.

With vain regret I count the bitter cost  
Of what one word unspoken left undone:  
The chance to form a noble friendship lost,  
And now to know the chance for ever gone.

For all is ended here with him on earth,  
His face 'mong men will never more be seen;  
And as I pass his now deserted hearth  
I muse and mourn on all that might have been.

Why should we draw the fine distinctions due  
To empty custom, fashion, rank, or place,  
Since a few years, alas! how very few!  
Consigns us each to nature's narrow space?

How wise it were here, in our short, brief stay,  
To learn the deepest truth that mortals can:  
Who strives to do good in life's little day  
Best worships God and serves his fellow-man.

J. DOUGLAS.

### MARK TWAIN ON BABIES.

**A**Ts banquet given to General Grant, in Chicago, by the army of Tennessee, Mark Twain was called upon to respond to the following toast:—"The babies, as they comfort us in our sorrows, let us not forget them in our festivities." Mr. Clemens said:—"I like that. We have not all had the good fortune to be ladies. We have not all been generals, or poets, or statesmen, but when the toast works down to the babies we stand on common ground, for we have all been babies. It is a shame that, for a thousand years, the world's banquets have utterly ignored the baby, as if he didn't amount to anything. If you will stop and think a minute—if you will go back fifty or a hundred years of your married life, and recontemplate your first baby, you will remember that he amounted to a great deal, and even something over. You soldiers all know that when that little fellow arrived at family headquarters you had to hand in your resignation. He took entire command. You became his lackey—his mere body servant, and you had to stand around, too. He was not a commander who made allowances for time, distance, weather, or anything else. You had to execute his order whether it was possible or not. And there was only one form of machinery in his manual of tactics, and that was the double quick. He treated you with every sort of insolence and disrespect, and the bravest of you didn't dare to say a word. You could face the death storm of Donelson and Vicksburg, and give back blow for blow; but when he claved your whiskers, and pulled your hair, and twisted your nose, you had to take it. When the thunders of war were sounding in your ears, you set your faces towards the batteries and advanced with steady tread, but when he turned on the horrors of the war whoop, you advanced in the other direction, and mighty glad of the chance, too. When he called for soothing syrup, did you venture to throw out any side remarks about certain services unbecoming an officer and a gentleman? No. You got up and got it. When he ordered his pap bottle, and it was not warm, did you talk back? Not you. You went to work and warmed it. You even descended so far in your menial office as to take a suck at the warm, insipid stuff, just to see if it was right—three parts water to one of milk, a touch of sugar to modify the colic, and a drop of peppermint to kill those immortal hicoughs. I can taste that stuff. And how many things you learned as you went along! Sentimental young folks still take stock in that beautiful old saying that when the baby smiles it is because the angels are whispering to him. Very pretty, but too thin—simply wind on the stomach, my friends. If the baby proposed to take a walk at his usual hour, two o'clock in the morning, didn't you rise up promptly and remark, with a mental addition, which would not improve a Sunday-school book, that it was the very thing you were about to propose yourself? Oh! you were under good discipline, and as you went faltering up and down the room in your undress uniform you not only prattled undignified baby-talk, but even tuned up your martial voice and tried to sing 'Rock-a-by baby in the tree top,' for instance. What a spectacle for an army of the Tennessee. And what an affliction for the neighbours, too, for it is not everybody within a mile around that likes military music at three in the morning. And when you have been keeping this sort of thing up for two or three hours, and your little velvet head intimated that nothing suited him like exercise and noise, what did you do? You simply went on until you dropped in the last ditch. The idea that a baby doesn't amount to anything. Why, one baby is just a house and a front yard full by itself. One baby can furnish more business than you and your whole interior department can attend to. He is enterprising, irrepressible, brimful of lawless activities. Do what you

please you can't make him stay on the reservation. Sufficient unto the day is one baby. As long as you are in your right mind don't you ever pray for twins. [Mr. Clemens is the father of a pair.] Twins amount to a permanent riot. And there ain't any real difference between triplets and an insurrection. Yes, it was high time for a toast to the masses to recognise the importance of the babies. Think what is in store for the present crop! Fifty years from now we shall all be dead; I trust then this flag, if it still survive (and let us hope it may), will be floating over a Republic numbering 20,000,000 souls, according to the settled laws of our increase. Our present schooner of State will be grown into a political leviathan—a 'Great Eastern.' The cradle-babies of to-day will be on deck. Let them be well trained, for we are going to leave a big contract on their hands. Among the three or four million cradles now rocking in the land are some which this nation would preserve for ages as sacred things, if we could know which ones they are. In one of these cradles the unconscious Farragut of the future is at this moment teething. Think of it, and putting in a word of dead earnest, inarticulated, but perfectly justifiable profanity, over it too. In another the future astronomer is lying blinking at the shining milky way with but liquid interest, poor little chap! and wondering what has become of that other one they call the wet-nurse. In another, the future great historian lying—and doubtless will continue to lie—until his earthly mission is ended. In another the future President is busying himself with no profounder problem of state than what the mischief has become of his hair so early, and in a mighty array of other cradles there are now some sixty thousand future office-seekers getting ready to furnish him occasion to grapple with that same old problem a second time. And in still one more cradle, somewhere under the flag, the illustrious Commander-in-Chief of the American armies is so little burdened with his approaching grandeurs and responsibilities as to be giving his whole strategic mind at this moment to trying to find out some way to get his big toe into his mouth—an achievement which, meaning no disrespect, the illustrious guest of this evening turned his attention to some fifty-six years ago; and, if the child is but a prophecy of the man, there are mighty few who will doubt that he succeeded."

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### PLACES OF BUSINESS.

Central Store—Grocery, Drapery, Butchery, & Coal...Market St., Blackley.

No. 1 Branch—Grocery, Butchery, & Drapery, 842, Rochdale Rd., Harpurhey.

No. 2 Branch—Grocery and Drapery ... .. Crab Lane, Blackley.

No. 3 Branch—Grocery and Drapery...Cinder Lane, Moston Lane, Blackley.

No. 4 Branch—Grocery and Drapery ... Waterloo St., Lower Crumpsall.

No. 5 Branch—Grocery and Drapery ... .. Dover St., Cleveland.

No. 6 Branch—Grocery, Butchery, & Drapery...Radford St., Moston Lane.

No. 7 Branch—Grocery ... .. Conran Street, Harpurhey.

## RULES OF NEW CLOTHING CLUB.

1. The Shares in the Club shall be of the value of 12s. each.

2. The payments shall be at the rate of 1s. per share per week, and must be made at the Branch where you enter the Club.

3. Each member shall be supplied with a card (for which a charge of one penny will be made) showing share ledger number together with date and amount of all contributions to Club.

4. Any Member purchasing goods in excess of the value of Club coupon, must pay the balance in cash before taking the goods away.

5. All subscriptions to be paid by the end of the twelfth week. Dividend will not be paid on arrears paid after quarter end.

6. The first issue of coupons entitling Members to obtain their goods will be issued the fourth week from the commencement of the Club; the order of priority to be determined by ballot at the Office.

7. Coupons are received in any of the following departments, viz.:—Draperies, Furnishing, Tailoring, Boot and Shoe, and Coal.

8. Members will not be allowed to join the Club more than once in each quarter.

N.B.—For the complete protection of the Member and of the Society it is necessary that the Club card be produced with the coupon when purchasing, or the goods cannot be supplied.

## Barnes Green Branch Extension.

### NEW DEPARTMENTS: FURNISHING, TAILORING, BOOTS and SHOES.

We beg to inform the Members that, having acquired additional premises at the above Branch, and completed the necessary alterations, we have opened a

#### NEW DRAPERY SHOP,

With a choice selection of Goods, to which we have added a

#### FURNITURE DEPARTMENT,

Which is replete with the latest Designs and Styles in all kinds of Household, Art, and Bamboo FURNITURE.

*Suits of every description can be made to Order.*

We have also opened a

#### TAILORING DEPARTMENT,

Which is now in full business operation.

Suits can be had Ready-made or to Measure.

GARMENTS CUT AND MADE ON THE PREMISES BY FIRST-CLASS WORKMEN.

LADIES' JACKETS AND COSTUMES A SPECIALITY.

SUITS to measure, from 30/- to 70/-; COVERT COATS to measure, from 30/-.

Also Ready-mades can be had at reasonable prices.

GENTS' SUITS, from 28/-; YOUTHS' SUITS, from 17/-; GENTS' COATS and VESTS, from 14/-; YOUTHS' COATS and VESTS, from 10/6; GENTS' TROUSERS, from 9/-.

BOYS' CLOTHING A SPECIALITY.

SAILOR SUITS, from 4/6 upwards; NORFOLK SUITS, from 8/6 upwards.  
ALL STYLES AND PATTERNS KEPT IN STOCK.

## Barnes Green Branch Extension.

THE

## BOOT AND SHOE DEPARTMENT

Is now OPEN, and replete with a Newly Selected Stock of

\* \* Summer Goods. \* \*

*Members are requested to inspect the Stock, and make their purchases at this Department.*

The celebrated "Wheatsheaf" and other High-class Makes always in Stock in great variety for Ladies and Gentlemen; also a splendid selection of Children's Boots and Shoes.

All kinds of Repairs promptly attended to and done on the premises by first-rate workmen under the best conditions.

We hope you will give these respective Departments your loyal support, which is requisite to ensure success.

THE

## ANNUAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE

Large Hall, Market Street, Blackley.

ON

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th, 1898,**

AT EIGHT P.M.

### OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

*The numbers attached to the names signify the number of Meetings attended during the Quarter.  
No. of Meetings held during Quarter, 13.*

#### Committee.

\*ALFRED TAYLOR (Blackley), PRESIDENT..... 13.

\*HENRY JACKSON (Moston)..... 10

\*JOSEPH WHITEHEAD (Blackley) ..... 13

\*JOHN ROBERT HASLAM (Crab Lane)..... 13

EDWIN BLOMELEY (Blackley) ..... 13

JOHN SMETHURST (Blackley) ..... 13

JOHN EDWIN FLOWERS (Harpurhey)..... 11

JAMES MARLAND (Blackley)..... 12

EDWARD L. COLLINS (Harpurhey)..... 13

JOHN JAMES (Barnes Green)..... 13

**Secretary**—\*JAMES COOKE (Crab Lane)..... 13

**Manager**—SAMUEL BRADSHAW. **Cashier**—JAMES E. HOPWOOD.

**Auditors**—\*Messrs. APPLEBY & WOOD, Manchester, Chartered Accountants, and Public Auditors under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893.

**Librarian**—\*JAMES ODDIE.

**Assistant Librarian at Harpurhey & Barnes Green**—\*WALTER HORDEN.

\* Retiring, but eligible for re-election.







## TRADE

DEPARTMENT.	Stocks last Quarter.	Purchases.	Transfers.	Productive and Carting Expenses.	Distributive Expenses.	Rate per £ on Sales	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.	
Grocery— Warehouse .....	1375 1 4	10461 0 11	613 6 4	....	....	..	1
Blackley .....	617 17 10	....	1858 19 3	27 9 8	179 9 0	1 5½	2
Harpurhey .....	777 10 2	....	2893 2 0	41 10 0	262 2 8	1 5½	3
Grocery and Drapery							
Crab Lane .....	351 4 8	....	746 13 3	11 0 0	68 17 0	1 5½	4
Moston Lane .....	333 19 4	....	1112 18 5	17 4 0	107 17 0	1 4½	5
Lower Crumpsall .....	495 0 7	....	1004 11 5	15 2 0	92 8 0	1 4½	6
Cleveland .....	238 0 2	....	864 19 8	12 6 0	74 15 0	1 4½	7
Barnes Green .....	756 4 8	....	2273 5 11	35 5 0	229 0 0	1 5½	8
Conran Street .....	....	....	711 16 3	5 1 0	35 8 0	1 7½	9
Total .....	4944 18 9	10461 0 11	12079 12 6	164 17 8	1049 16 8	1 5½	10
Drapery— Blackley .....	965 12 2	1889 18 1	291 0 10	43 2 8	81 17 6	1 8	11
Harpurhey .....	509 16 2	....	714 2 9	11 5 7	55 18 0	1 2½	12
Barnes Green .....	451 0 0	....	779 17 8	7 1 3	70 14 0	1 8	13
Total .....	1966 8 4	1889 18 1	1735 1 3	61 9 6	208 9 6	1 6½	14
Butchery—							
Blackley .....	111 7 6	1344 15 10½	43 19 3	14 10 4	42 5 0	1 6½	15
Harpurhey .....	2 17 6	....	444 7 6	14 2 0	41 2 0	1 6½	16
Barnes Green .....	1 15 7	....	489 17 2	15 15 0	45 2 8	1 6½	17
Pork Department .....	3 16 7	59 10 10	2 5 6	12 5 0	....	..	18
Total .....	119 17 2	1404 6 8½	980 9 5	56 12 4	123 9 8	1 6½	19
Grocery .....	4944 18 9	10461 0 11	12079 12 6	164 17 8	1049 16 8	1 5½	20
Drapery .....	1966 8 4	1889 18 1	1735 1 3	61 9 6	208 9 6	1 6½	21
Tailoring .....	196 11 1	774 15 5	0 19 6	100 0 10	45 10 0	4 3½	22
Butchery .....	119 17 2	1404 6 8½	980 9 5	56 12 4	123 9 8	1 6½	23
Coal .....	....	485 10 11	....	91 18 6	22 12 0	0 8	24
Bakery .....	26 3 2	198 4 6½	329 4 11½	119 2 1	....	..	25
Boot and Shoe .....	....	939 4 11	....	26 3 2	43 13 0	3 10	26
Dairy .....	....	195 15 6½	....	....	73 17 6	5 2½	27
Total .....	7248 18 6	16348 17 0½	15175 7 7½	630 4 1	1572 8 4	1 6½	28

## ACCOUNT.

	Profit.	Rate per £ on Sales	TOTAL.	Stocks this Quarter.	Sales.	Transfers.	Dividend on Purchases.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	44 1 1½	Loss.	12405 7 5½	1137 16 4	....	11267 11 1½	....
2	335 19 2	2 9	3019 14 11	567 17 7	2436 12 4	....	15 5 0
3	476 19 0	2 7½	4451 3 10	799 4 3	3629 6 4	....	22 13 3
4	95 15 8½	2 0	1273 10 7½	309 6 9	958 7 10½	....	5 16 0
5	258 17 5	3 4	1830 16 2	273 7 9	1547 18 5	....	9 10 0
6	164 4 0	2 5½	1771 6 0	443 17 7	1319 7 5	....	8 1 0
7	154 17 9	2 10½	1344 18 7	262 0 5	1076 8 2	....	6 10 0
8	398 5 4½	2 6½	3692 0 11½	550 18 11	3121 14 0½	....	19 8 0
9	67 6 1	3 0½	819 11 4	376 12 9	440 4 7	....	2 14 0
10	1908 3 4½	2 7½	30608 9 10½	4721 2 4	14529 19 2	11267 11 1½	89 17 3
11	135 10 7½	2 9	3407 1 10½	974 13 4	981 15 8½	1446 0 10	4 12 0
12	96 4 8	2 3½	1387 7 2	545 0 7	888 8 7	....	3 18 0
13	83 7 9	1 11½	1422 0 8	572 3 0	845 17 8	....	4 0 0
14	315 3 0½	2 4½	6216 9 8½	2091 16 11	2666 1 11½	1446 0 10	12 10 0
15	29 2 1½	*1 1½	1586 0 1	100 19 0	550 2 8	934 18 5	....
16	34 18 6	*1 4½	537 7 6	1 2 10	536 4 8	....	....
17	40 6 8½	*1 5½	592 17 1½	1 18 6	590 18 7½	....	....
18	1 7 10	Loss.	76 10 1	1 14 11	....	74 15 2	....
19	102 19 6	*1 2½	2792 14 9½	105 15 3	1677 5 11½	1009 13 7	....
20	1908 3 4½	2 7½	30608 9 10½	4721 2 4	14529 19 2	11267 11 1½	89 17 3
21	315 3 0½	2 4½	6216 9 8½	2091 16 11	2666 1 11½	1446 0 10	12 10 0
22	64 2 0½	1 9½	1181 18 10½	455 7 9	210 19 3½	511 11 10	4 0 0
23	102 19 6	*1 2½	2792 14 9½	105 15 3	1677 5 11½	1009 13 7	....
24	76 17 0½	2 3½	676 18 5½	....	676 18 5½	....	....
25	31 17 4	1 1	704 12 1	122 1 8	....	582 10 5	....
26	21 13 1	1 10½	1030 14 2	439 0 0	229 7 2	357 17 0	4 10 0
27	19 10 1½	1 4½	289 3 2	5 9 0	283 11 4	0 2 10	....
28	2540 5 6½	2 6	43501 1 1½	7940 12 11	20274 3 4	15175 7 7½	110 17 3

\* On Sales, less received for Hides, &c.—Blackley .....

§ On Sales & Transfers. † On Sales, plus Pork Department Transfers, less Hides, &c.

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## RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT.

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	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Members claims re-instated .....	0	9	9	By Balance last Quarter .....	1842	15	11½
„ Balance, as per Balance Sheet .....	1872	5	8½	„ Deductions from New Members' Dividend .....	23	11	11
				„ Fines—Members' Claims .....	5	17	10
	£1872	5	8½		£1872	5	8½

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Dividend and Interest Paid .....	1200	19	9	By Balance Disposable last Quarter .....	2488	7	10
„ „ Account „ Transferred to Share .....	1608	10	0	„ Share Interest last Quarter .....	510	11	5
				„ Transfer from Contingent Fund .....	52	9	9
„ New Members' Dividend Transferred to Reserve Fund .....			2809 9 9				
„ Interest estimated owing on Members' Claims from March 25th to March 29th, 1898 .....			23 11 11				
„ Bonus on Wages to Employés .....			23 8 0				
„ Educational Grant .....			49 10 11				
„ Dividend on Accounts Owing, carried forward .....			59 9 8				
			85 18 9				
			3051 9 0				3051 9 0
To Checks Bought .....			6 11 4	By Dividend on Accounts Owing last Quarter, brought forward .....			85 18 9
„ Compensation for Accident .....			16 6 8	„ Profit, per Trade Account .....	£2540	5	6½
„ Balance, as per Balance Sheet .....			2604 16 11½	„ „ Catering for Parties .....	1	10	8
			£2627 14 11½				2541 16 2½
							£2627 14 11½

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## BALANCE SHEET.

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Members' Share Claims .....	54034	10	5	Stocks .....			7940 12 11
Interest on „ .....	526	3	1	Land, Buildings, Fixtures, Rolling Stock and Horses .....			30996 10 2
			54560 13 6	Share Investments .....	£4033	13	8
Trade Accounts Owing .....	27	11	3	Loan „ (ordinary) .....	10902	1	10
Expenses Accounts Owing .....	162	1	7	Loans on Cottages (secured) .....	2526	13	1
			189 12 10				17462 8 7
Cash Received in Advance for Goods Sold .....			26 17 4	Rents Owing .....			19 14 9
Reserve Fund .....			1871 15 11½	Accounts Owing by Members .....			817 6 4
Dividend Contingent Fund .....			136 14 6	Expenses Paid in Advance .....			61 7 11
Balance, Profit Disposable .....			2604 16 11½	Trade Accounts Overpaid .....			30 13 3
				Educational Fund .....			10 7 4½
				Cash in Bank .....	£2043	3	11
				„ Tills .....	18	5	0
				„ Hand .....	0	0	10½
							2061 9 9½
			£59390 11 1				£59390 11 1

## PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF BALANCE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Dividend on £19,714½ Purchases, at 2s. 6d. per £...2464 6 3				Balance Disposable, as per Balance Sheet .....			2604 16 11½
„ £817, Accounts Owing, at 2s. 6d. „ 102 2 6				Transferred from Dividend Contingent Fund .....			88 12 1½
			2566 8 9				
Bonus to Employés—2½ per cent on the Profit, per Trade A/c .....			63 10 2				
Educational Fund— „ „ „ „ „ 63 10 2							
			£2693 9 1				£2693 9 1

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the Members:

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Statement of Accounts from the books of the Society for the Quarter ending 28th June, 1898. As regards the value of the Stocks, we have relied on the figures entered on the Stock Sheets, which have been certified by the Stocktakers.

Yours faithfully,

APPLEBY & WOOD, Chartered Accountants,

and Public Auditors under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act, 1893.

10, Norfolk Street, Manchester,

July 5th, 1898.

## EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Number of Volumes issued during the Quarter ending June 28th, 1898:—

BRANCHES.	No. of Borrowers.	Vols. Issued.
Blackley (Central) .....	170 .....	1122
Harpurhey .....	80 .....	278
Crab Lane .....	6 .....	32
Lower Crumpsall .....	16 .....	90
Cleveland .....	18 .....	61
Moston Lane and Barnes Green..	150 .....	680
	385	2263

Average Number of Volumes issued weekly, 174.

JAMES ODDIE, LIBRARIAN.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Members are requested to make use of the Nomination Book at the General Office, Blackley. Much unpleasantness and trouble will be saved to the Committee and yourselves by nominating the person who is to receive your shares in case of death, but this is legal only to the amount of £80. Should the investment be above this amount, and not more than £100, the nominee will be required to fill up a prescribed form, obtainable at the Office, which is to be sent to the "Controller of Legacy Duties, Somerset House, London." No charge is made in this case for postage. On return of the form the remainder of investment will be paid.

## Co-operative Insurance Company Limited.

Proprietors, Proposal Forms, Rates for any class of Insurance, and all other information respecting Life and Fire Insurance and Fidelity Guarantee, may be had on application to the Company's agent, Mr. Joseph Potts, of Grant Street, Blackley.

Low Premiums. Liberal Cash Surrender Value. Lapsing almost impossible. Absolutely all the Profits of the Life Department are divided amongst the Policyholders.

## TABULAR STATEMENT,

Showing the Progress of the Society since its commencement.

Year ending.	No. of Members.	Capital.	Business done.	Profit earned.
June 24, 1862 .....	113 .....	£469 .....	£3658 .....	£242
June 30, 1863 .....	161 .....	759 .....	4349 .....	326
June 28, 1864 .....	180 .....	943 .....	4239 .....	302
June 27, 1865 .....	265 .....	1333 .....	5945 .....	499
June 26, 1866 .....	314 .....	1836 .....	8526 .....	641
June 25, 1867 .....	340 .....	1961 .....	9684 .....	721
June 24, 1868 .....	395 .....	2545 .....	11152 .....	1112
June 29, 1869 .....	596 .....	3581 .....	17067 .....	1636
June 28, 1870 .....	775 .....	5104 .....	21362 .....	2109
June 27, 1871 .....	810 .....	5736 .....	23398 .....	2152
June 25, 1872 .....	823 .....	6798 .....	23907 .....	2300
June 24, 1873 .....	890 .....	7210 .....	24833 .....	2069
June 30, 1874 .....	912 .....	7854 .....	25100 .....	2619
June 29, 1875 .....	963 .....	9893 .....	27536 .....	3177
June 27, 1876 .....	1093 .....	11744 .....	31666 .....	3635
June 26, 1877 .....	1234 .....	13099 .....	33674 .....	3961
June 25, 1878 .....	1299 .....	14433 .....	36583 .....	4068
June 24, 1879 .....	1325 .....	15579 .....	33090 .....	4390
June 29, 1880 .....	1341 .....	17029 .....	34473 .....	4037
June 28, 1881 .....	1232 .....	15509 .....	29859 .....	3433
June 27, 1882 .....	1287 .....	16308 .....	30269 .....	3530
June 26, 1883 .....	1306 .....	16449 .....	29553 .....	3656
June 24, 1884 .....	1236 .....	18194 .....	30629 .....	4314
June 30, 1885 .....	1466 .....	18006 .....	32949 .....	4800
June 29, 1886 .....	1577 .....	21029 .....	35340 .....	5619
June 28, 1887 .....	1807 .....	22315 .....	38161 .....	4777
June 26, 1888 .....	1856 .....	23151 .....	41526 .....	5020
June 25, 1889 .....	2014 .....	25055 .....	43902 .....	5364
June 24, 1890 .....	2152 .....	25835 .....	47092 .....	5237
June 30, 1891 .....	2451 .....	28677 .....	52612 .....	6633
June 28, 1892 .....	2231 .....	29234 .....	54807 .....	6421
June 27, 1893 .....	2223 .....	29769 .....	51670 .....	6183
June 26, 1894 .....	2228 .....	32441 .....	53355 .....	7044
June 25, 1895 .....	2253 .....	36086 .....	59467 .....	7980
June 30, 1896 .....	2894 .....	42540 .....	66533 .....	9253
June 29, 1897 .....	2969 .....	47445 .....	69418 .....	9289
June 28, 1898 .....	3257 .....	54034 .....	73592 .....	10045
			£1223396	£148594

# Our New Ventures and Extensions.

## THE DAIRY,

Referred to in our January Report, has now become an actual fact. We really have to congratulate ourselves on a business that is most satisfactory, and that is steadily increasing week by week, only requiring the loyal support of all our members to be a source of most substantial revenue to the Society.

We may say the arrangement of your Dairy has been criticised by the City authorities and their report has been practically "A 1." Further, we may allude to the milk itself, which has been tested by the same authority, and the verdict was—"Pure."

With such a record as we are able to place before you we think further words on this department are unnecessary.

## SHOEMAKING.

This Department is now developing into something to be seen. Since our last report we have built a substantial workroom at the back of our Moston Lane shops, well supplied with every requisite for the trade and presided over by good and experienced workmen. We are now open for a large business both in making and repairing, and trust you will see the advisability of giving every item of your requirements to the Society.

The materials used cannot be excelled; all orders are dealt with promptly, and the workmanship guaranteed. Prices:—Gentlemen's Repairs, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6, Stitched, 4/-; Ladies' 1/6, 2/-, 2/6.

## THE BAKERY,

Our members are well aware, is now finished, and the gratifying and auspicious opening of the same is, we hope, fresh in the minds of all.

We are happy to report we are in full working order, and that our business since opening has doubled itself. This fact alone is sufficient to indicate that our production, both in bread and confectionery, are giving satisfaction. However, we are reasonably greedy, if you will allow such an expression, and shall not be satisfied with even double the present business—and this rests with you, the owners of the bakery. So, as the old proverb says, "A word to the wise," &c., &c.

We append herewith our Price List, and must remind our younger or prospective members that, in addition to the articles enumerated, we make

## BRIDE CAKES TO ORDER.

## PRICE LIST (SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATIONS OF THE MARKET).

Milk Loaves .. .. .	3d. each.	Short Cakes .. .. .	1d. each; 7 for 6d.
White Loaves, 2lb. .. .. .	3d. "	Scones .. .. .	1d. "
Brown, Large, 2lb. .. .. .	3d. "	Sponge Buns .. .. .	1d. "
Brown, Small, 2lb. .. .. .	1 1/2d. "	Rock Buns .. .. .	1d. "
Coburgs .. .. .	3d. "	Cocoanut Buns .. .. .	1d. "
Twists .. .. .	1d. "	French Buns .. .. .	1d. "
Cottages .. .. .	3d. "	Swiss Buns .. .. .	1d. "
Ham and Veal Pies .. .. .	6d. and 1s. "	Raspberry Sandwiches .. .. .	1d. "
Pork Pies .. .. .	2d., 6d., and 1s. "	Macaroons .. .. .	1d. "
Almond Cakes .. .. .	1s. "	Ribbon Sandwiches .. .. .	1d. "
Madeira Cakes .. .. .	1s. "	Jam Puffs .. .. .	1d. "
Sultana Cakes .. .. .	1s. "	Lemon Cheese Tarts .. .. .	1d. "
Currant Loaves, 2lb. .. .. .	1s. "	Cocoanut Slices .. .. .	1d. "
Seed Loaves, 2lb. .. .. .	1s. "	Almond Slices .. .. .	1d. "
Currant Loaves, 1lb. .. .. .	6d. "	Maids of Honour .. .. .	1d. "
Seed Loaves, 1lb. .. .. .	6d. "	Mince Pies .. .. .	1d. "
Almond Cakes .. .. .	6d. "	Ginger Bread .. .. .	1d. "
Madeira Cakes .. .. .	6d. "	Vanilla .. .. .	1d. "
Lemon Cheese Sandwiches .. .. .	8d. "	Custards .. .. .	1d. "
Raspberry Sandwiches, Large .. .. .	8d. "	Apricot .. .. .	1d. "
Slab Cake, Currant .. .. .	6d. pr lb.	Fruit .. .. .	1d. "
Slab Cake, Sultana .. .. .	6d. "	Banbury .. .. .	1d. "
Slab Cake, Cherry .. .. .	6d. "	Raspberry Turnovers .. .. .	1d. "
Queen's Cake .. .. .	6d. "	Parkin .. .. .	3d. "
Queen Drops .. .. .	6d. "	Oatcakes .. .. .	3d. "
Shrewsbury Biscuits .. .. .	6d. "	Cocoanut Buns .. .. .	3d. "
Tea Cakes .. .. .	1d. each; 7 for 6d.	Sponge Buns .. .. .	3d. "
Eccles Cakes .. .. .	1d. "		

It is only right to mention that our New Bakery has been subjected to a similar scrutiny from the City authorities as our other departments, and we are gratified to relate that the report was "Admirable in every sense."

## THE PORKERY

Is not quite finished, but we can confidently assure our members that ere another quarter's end comes round such an institution will be in full existence.

We have spoken of our Bakery and our Dairy being replete with every requisite up to date, and we can only say the Porkery is following on the same lines.

We sincerely trust that our future Pork Butchering business will be a pronounced success. We are sparing no pains to arrange so that everything shall be conducted on lines of strictly reasonable economy, and that the manipulation and arrangement of everything shall be on the most cleanly and sanitary system.

## OUR CLUB SYSTEM.

On page 6 will be found the Revised Rules which your Committee have found it expedient to draw up in the interests of the Society.

Perhaps at the first glance some of our members may think the same somewhat arbitrary, but after careful perusal we sincerely believe they will commend themselves to you. We have only to say that they have been decided upon after long and thoughtful consideration, and we really think that at the expiration of a quarter's experience everyone will find they will work well and be satisfactory to all.

In conclusion, we shall feel gratified if our members will display a greater desire to see actually what has been done. The various departments are at your service, and our Manager, or some other of the Society's servants, will be glad to show you over the premises should you think proper to pay a visit.

We have an impression that a visit would quite settle any hesitation any of our members have about giving their trade to us.

THE COMMITTEE.

**Members will only be admitted to the Quarterly Meeting on producing their Pass Book or Dividend Ticket.**

## The Annual Meeting

WILL BE HELD IN THE

# LARGE HALL, MARKET STREET, BLACKLEY,

On **WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th, 1898.**

Chair to be taken at 8 p.m. by the President of the Society.

### Business:

1. Minutes.
2. Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of Officers—President, Secretary, Three Committee-men, Auditors, Librarian, and Assistant Librarian, to serve twelve months.
4. Employers' Picnic.
5. Samuel Bamford Memorial Fund.
6. Annual Tea Party.
7. Open Council.

## DIVIDEND AND INTEREST WILL BE PAID

AS FOLLOWS:

CRAB LANE.....	Thursday, July 21st, 1898, from	9 to 10 a.m.
CRUMPSALL .....	" " 21st, " "	11 to 12 a.m.
CONRAN STREET.....	" " 21st, " "	2-30 to 3-30 p.m.
MOSTON.....	" " 21st, " "	5-30 to 6-30 p.m.
CLEVELAND .....	Friday, " 22nd, " "	10 to 11 a.m.
BARNES GREEN.....	" " 22nd, " "	2 to 4 p.m.
BLACKLEY.....	" " 22nd, " "	6 to 8 p.m.
HARPURHEY .....	Saturday, " 23rd, " "	8-30 to 11-30 a.m.

## DELIVERY OF WEEKLY ORDERS.

Members desirous of having their Orders delivered by Van are requested to send in the same not later than as follows:—

Central ... ..	Monday or Wednesday noon.
Harpurhey ... ..	Tuesday "
Crab Lane ... ..	Wednesday "
Moston Lane ... ..	Tuesday "
Lower Crumpsall... ..	Wednesday "
Cleveland ... ..	Wednesday "
Barnes Green ... ..	Tuesday "

*One Penny is charged for the Delivery of each Order.*

## COAL DEPARTMENT.

Prices of Coal delivered and full amount of Dividend given on them:—Agecroft: Dow Tops, 9d. Bridgewater: Best, 10½d.; Nuts and Best, 9½d.; Trencherbone, 9½d.; Riddled, 9d.; Nuts, 9d. per cwt. Moston: Best, 10d.; Seconds, 9d.; Nuts, 8½d. per cwt. **These figures are subject to Market fluctuations, and all orders will be executed at the price ruling on date of delivery. Correct weight guaranteed. A Special Discount of 2½ per cent will be allowed to members who pay for their Coals within seven days from date of delivery.**

The following was passed by the Quarterly Meeting, April 19th, 1882, and to which we wish to draw your particular attention:—"That all Coal must be paid for at the rate of not less than 2s. per week, otherwise no dividend will be given."

## NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

The General Office, Market Street, Blackley, is open daily from eight a.m., to enrol Members and receive Subscriptions.

Withdrawal: will only be paid to the Members entitled thereto, or to a representative duly authorised by a Withdrawal Form (which may be obtained at any of the Branches), the same must be filled up as provided, duly signed, and witnessed.

The Stores are closed every Tuesday at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of allowing the Salesmen a half-holiday. The Butchery is closed on Monday afternoon.

The Committee meet every Monday evening at half-past seven.

Interest to commence and terminate on the 25th of each month.

The next Quarterly Meeting will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 19th, 1898, in the St. Peter's School room, Barnes Green, at 8 p.m.

Members are requested, if possible, to make their purchases early in the week, to prevent crowding on Friday and Saturday; also, where possible, early in the day.

The "Co-operative News," a weekly journal which every Co-operator ought to read, may be had at our Shops, price one halfpenny.

Members should not come or send to the Shop without their Purchase Book. Very much trouble is given and valuable time lost by neglecting to do this.

Any Non-member may become a Member, and be entitled to full Dividend, by paying 1s. Entrance Fee.

The first 3s the Society makes in Dividend for every Member goes to the Reserve Fund.

Subscriptions are received and Withdrawals paid at Harpurhey Branch every Thursday evening, from 5-30 to 7 o'clock.

We can give Recommendations to Royal Infirmary, St. Mary's Hospital, Clinical Hospital, Royal Eye Institution, and Ear Institution.

## HIRE OF LARGE HALL.

Tea Party and Concert, including all apparatus and one attendant .....	£1 10 0
Tea Party and Ball, including as above .....	1 15 0
*Ball alone .....	1 5 0
Lectures and Public Meetings .....	0 12 6
Each succeeding meeting on the same subject .....	0 10 0
Day Lectures without Gas .....	0 10 0
Concerts and Entertainments .....	1 0 0
Political Meetings .....	1 0 0

## HIRE OF SMALL HALL.

Tea Party and Meeting .....	£0 15 0
Meeting only .....	0 5 0

All damage done to the Furniture or Building to be made good by the person or persons in possession (if caused by himself or his attendants) during the time of his occupation.

A copy of each notice of Lecture, Tea Party, Ball, or Entertainment, to be submitted to the Secretary previous to publishing the same.

Two Directors to have free admission to any Lecture, Entertainment, or any other engagement of the Hall.

The person in possession to be subject to an extra charge for Gas used after 11 p.m., of 2s. 6d. per hour.

All Exhibitions requiring Gas in their illustrations, &c., will be subject to an extra charge such as may be agreed upon.

No engagement will be considered binding unless the Hall be paid for in advance.

Smoking in the Hall and the Sale of Intoxicating Drinks are strictly prohibited.

No person will be allowed to use the Tea apparatus except the attendant provided by the Society.

Application for the Hall to be made at the Office, Market Street.

Grand Piano in Large Hall. Hire of same, 10s.

\* All applications for Balls to be passed by the Committee.

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

## AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS.

TO insure an early issue of the Balance Sheet, Members are hereby notified that no Withdrawals can be paid or Subscriptions received after Thursday, Sept. 22nd, until Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1898.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

## AT HARPURHEY.

Subscriptions will be received and Withdrawals paid in the

## OLD NEWSROOM,

entrance in Barker Street, from 5-30 to 7 p.m., on Thursdays.

# "BEAUTIFUL SNOW."

IT may be well to preface the verses with a brief reference to the author, and the circumstances under which they were written. Major Sigourney was the nephew of Mrs. Lydia Sigourney, an American poetess of great merit. He had in early life married Miss Filmore, a beautiful and accomplished lady, with whom he made a voyage to Europe. During their absence rumours discreditable to the young wife reached the relatives of her husband. That these were well founded was proved on the lady's return to New York, when it became clear that she was a drunkard. She abandoned her husband, and was next heard of as an inmate of the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island. Still cherishing his love for the unhappy woman, Major Sigourney obtained her release, and endeavoured to reclaim her, but in vain. She again deserted her home, and in the winter of 1853 she was found dead under the snow in a disreputable street in New York. Her husband claimed the remains and had them decently buried. The story of the beautiful but erring wife is told in the pathetic lines of the subjoined poem. This circumstance it was which induced the author to so long withhold his name. A friend obtained him employment as a journalist, but failing health compelled him to abandon it. The circumstances connected with his death are somewhat mysterious, but his dead body, which was found in the outskirts of New York on April 22, 1875, seemed to indicate that the unhappy man had shot himself. His only child, to whom he was passionately attached, was unable to throw any light on the matter. A few weeks before his death Major Sigourney wrote a companion poem, entitled "Beautiful Child," which is marked by the same intensity of feeling which characterises his "Beautiful Snow."

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow,  
Filling the sky and the earth below,  
Over the housetops, over the street,  
Over the heads of the people you meet;  
Dancing,—Flirting,—Skimming along,  
Beautiful snow! it can do no wrong;  
Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek,  
Clinging to lips in frolicsome freak;  
Beautiful snow from heaven above,  
Pure as an angel, gentle as love!

Oh! the snow, the beautiful snow,  
How the flakes gather and laugh as they go,  
Whirling about in maddening fun;  
Chasing,—Laughing,—Harrying by,  
It lights on the face, and it sparkles the eye;  
And the dogs with a bark and a bound  
Snap at the crystals as they eddy around;  
The town is alive, and its heart in a glow,  
To welcome the coming of beautiful snow!

How wild the crowd goes swaying along,  
Hailing each other with humour and song;  
How the gay sleighs like meteors flash by,  
Bright for the moment, then lost to the eye;  
Ringing,—Swinging,—Dashing they go,  
Over the crust of the beautiful snow;  
Snow so pure when it falls from the sky  
To be trampled and tracked by thousands of feet  
Till it blends with the filth in the horrible street.

Once I was pure as the snow, but I fell,  
Fell like the snow flakes from heaven to hell;  
Fell to be trampled as filth on the street,  
Fell to be scoffed, to be spit on and beat;  
Pleading,—Cursing,—Dreading to die,  
Selling my soul to whoever would buy;  
Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread,  
Hating the living and fearing the dead.  
Merciful God, have I fallen so low!  
And yet I was once like the beautiful snow.

Once I was fair as the beautiful snow,  
With an eye like a crystal, a heart like its glow;  
Once I was loved for my innocent grace—  
Flattered and sought for the charms of my face;  
Fathers,—Mothers,—Sisters,—all,  
God and myself I have lost by my fall;  
The veriest wretch that goes shivering by,  
Will make a wide sweep lest I wander too high;  
For all that is on or above me I know  
There is nothing so pure as the beautiful snow.

Newcastle Weekly Chronicle.

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# "STABIT QUOCUNQUE JACERIS."

STAND, whichever way I'm thrown." Such is the plain English interpretation of the legend accompanying the arms of the Isle of Man, and to get at the application our readers must be referred to history of long ago, when the Isle of Man was considered (by its inhabitants) an important factor among the nations surrounding it. It has been said that the Isle of Man could, in a way—at one time—command the balance of power in favour of itself with Ireland, Scotland, or England, and that if it stooped to one it had two legs to stand upon by the countenance of the others. Anyhow, this is ancient and no mistake. It may be remarked, however, that even at the present day a Manxman will say: "If you stand on the top of Snaefell on a clear day you can see five countries," and when his listener says, "How's that, I can only make four out—Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales," he very suavely replies—"And what about the Isle of Man?"



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THE COMMITTEE EARNESTLY DESIRE ALL MEMBERS TO BECOME BORROWERS.

## Supplementary Catalogue.

The Committee have pleasure in announcing that the Supplementary Catalogue of Books added to the various Libraries since the last Catalogue was issued is now ready, and may be obtained (Free, along with a copy of the Catalogue) from either of the Librarians.

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